



Oregon Interagency Incident Management Team 4

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## Canyon Creek Complex, Morning Update, September 7, 2015

**EVACUATIONS LIFTED:** The Grant County Sheriff's Office has lifted all evacuation levels for the Canyon Creek fire area as of Monday, September 7, 2015. This includes all of Strawberry Road and all of Prairie City.

**Weather:** Expect warmer and dryer conditions over the next several days. Today's highs will be 54-62 on ridgetops and 68-74 in the valleys. Winds 6-12 mph and gusts to 20 mph. Minimum humidity 20-35 percent.

### On the fire

- Containment lines are secure on the north, west and south flanks of the fire where firefighters will continue mopup inside those lines. They will also remove equipment and hose line.
- Five crews and six rapellers will work the east flank of the fire in the wilderness using minimal impact suppression tactics (MIST). Firefighters have scouted the uncontained line and have a strategy to achieve containment to protect wilderness areas such as the Slide Creek and Strawberry Creek drainages.
- Minimal fire behavior is expected along containment lines today, however, there may be increased activity in the interior of the fire over the next few days as temperatures rise and humidity drops.

### Canyon Creek Complex Facts

**Type, cause, date started:** This wildfire began August 12, 2015. Cause was lightning.

**Location:** One mile south of the towns of John Day and Canyon Creek.

**Fuels:** Timber, brush and grass understory and medium density logging slash.

**Structures Threatened:** 100, **Damaged:** 50, **Destroyed:** 43

**Size:** 110,245 acres. **Containment:** 85%

**Personnel:** 678 **Resources:** 1 Type 1 crews, 16 Type 2 crews, 5 helicopters, 28 engines, 8 dozers, 14 water tenders, 7 skidgines, 1 masticator. Due to increased containment, several resources will be released today.

### Open and closed

- **Malheur National Forest** changed restrictions to IFPL III and Public Use Restrictions B regulating campfires, use of combustion engines, chainsaws, smoking and off-road and off-trail vehicle travel. See [www.fs.fed.gov/malheur](http://www.fs.fed.gov/malheur). Forest area and road closures are being reviewed daily and remain in effect for firefighter and public safety.
- **Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT):** Highway 395 is open for two-way travel. A pilot car may be on site to lead traffic in specific areas between 6 am and 4:30 pm.
- **Grant County Sheriff's Office** reminds people to be respectful of private property and to remain on the road unless invited. Trespassing is punishable by law and violators will be prosecuted.

### For More Information

**Inciweb:** <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4495/>

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/canyoncreekfireoregon](http://www.facebook.com/canyoncreekfireoregon) and [www.facebook.com/malheurnationalforest](http://www.facebook.com/malheurnationalforest)

**Malheur National Forest Website:** [www.fs.usda.gov/malheur/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/malheur/)

**Air Quality Index:** <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/>

**Malheur Hunting Information:** <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/malheur/news-events/?cid=STELPRD3852316>